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Jane E. Henney, M.D.
Commissioner
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Dear Dr. Henney:

I am very much concerned about increasing use of antibiotics in animal husbandry. As you certainly realize the ever expanding spectrum of resistance of human pathogens to antibiotics is at least in part related to human exposure to antibiotics via meat consumption. However, prevention of this trend is difficult if not impossible without the exact knowledge of quantitative use of antibiotics in animal husbandry. Therefore, I urge you to initiate a national antibiotic-use reporting system at the earliest time possible.

Sincerely,

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